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Committees: Energy and Technology (Chair); Agriculture (Vice Chair); Banking and Financial Serv-

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Biography: Democrat, of Bay City; born, April 26, 1971; Roman Catholic; bachelor's degree, University of Michigan, Evans Scholar; legislative assistant to Representative Howard Wetters, 1995-98, and Representative Joseph Rivet, 1999-2000; Bangor Township supervisor, 2000-2004; Bay Area Women's Center, Boy Scouts of America, Bay Area Community Foundation, Bay County Medical Control Authority, Saginaw Valley State University Math Resource Center; elected to the House of Representatives, 2004, 2006, 2008; Majority Whip.

## 96th District Profile

The waterfront community is today the state's second busiest shipping port and home to a diverse economy supporting investment in manufacturing, professional, service, retail, and hospitality businesses. Bay County farmers produce abundant fruits, vegetables, dry beans, and sugar beets in the fertile soil of the Saginaw Valley.

Located at the heart of the state's largest watershed, where the Saginaw River empties into Saginaw Bay, the County features more than 30 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Tobico Marsh at the Bay City State Recreation Area is an integral part of the largest freshwater coastal wetland system in the country — important habitat supporting more than 200 species of song birds, shore birds, and waterfowl.

